

BOOK REVIEW

A dictionary of entomology, by A. W. Leftwich. 1976. Crane Russak & Company, Inc., 347 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017. Hardbound, 360 p., \$17.50.

This volume has been prepared for amateur entomologists, naturalists, and zoology students. There are more than 4000 "definitions" which for the most part cover species, genera, and families of insects. Although most of the references apply to European species, a substantial number are American. The text is easy to read and contains many interesting facts. One reads of the "bloody-nosed beetle" (*Timarcha tenebricosa*) which gives off a red fluid from its mouth when disturbed and of the Goliath beetle (*Goliathus giganteus*) of Africa which is more than 11 cm long. A classification of insects is included at the end of the book; the American reader may find some unfamiliar taxonomic names, i.e. order Coleoptera (stick insects and leaf insects) and family Necrophoridae (burying beetles). This book should be an excellent addition to the shelves in high school, college, and municipal libraries, but it will be of limited value to the professional (or serious amateur) entomologist. It can not be considered a replacement for the classic—*A Glossary of Entomology*.

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A glossary of entomology (Smith's "An explanation of terms used in entomology"), Fourth Printing, completely revised and rewritten by J. R. de la Torre-Bueno. 1973. New York Entomological Society (distributed by Hafner Service Agency—A Division of Macmillan Publishing Company, Inc., 866 Third Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022). Hardbound, 336 p., plus IX Plates, and Supplement A, 36p., \$10.00.

Ecology and evolution of communities, edited by Martin L. Cody and Jared M. Diamond. 1975. Belknap (Harvard University Press), Cambridge, Mass. Hardbound, 544 p., illus., \$29.50.

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